

REMARKSClaim Status

Claims 11-29 are pending in the present application.

Allowed Claims

We greatly appreciate the indication that claims 11-13 and 19-22 are allowed, and that claims 14-18 and 23-29 only stand rejected under a non-statutory double patenting rejection.

Abstract

A New Abstract is provided to even better conform to the pending claims.

Terminal Disclaimer

A Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,590,996 is provided herewith without conceding the merits of the outstanding double patenting rejection. The application stands ready for allowance.

Conclusion

A Notice of Allowance is requested. Nevertheless, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 503-469-4685 if any questions remain.

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